



# CITY of BEAVERTON

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### **MAYOR DENNY DOYLE TO DEDICATE GIFT OF MORE THAN 1,000 KOREAN BOOKS AT BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY**

***- Beaverton Recognizes Generous Gift from Sister City Cheonan, South Korea -***

**BEAVERTON, Oregon (March 2, 2010)** – On Friday, March 19, Mayor Denny Doyle will officiate a ceremony at the Beaverton City Library at 2 p.m. to dedicate more than 1,000 Korean language, cultural and educational books and publicly recognize this generous gift from Beaverton's sister city Cheonan, South Korea. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be served.

In July of 2009, Mayor Sung Moo Yong and a delegation of nine Korean government officials from Cheonan visited Beaverton to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their sister city relationship. During the visit, Mayor Sung joined Mayor Doyle on a tour of the Beaverton City Library, which featured the International Languages Room. The tour sparked Mayor Sung's interest in contributing to the Beaverton community through a contribution of Korean language books.

"Beaverton is very grateful for this one-of-a-kind gift that is sure to broaden our understanding and awareness of Korean culture," said Mayor Doyle. "The greatest way to show our appreciation for Cheonan's generosity is by utilizing these books in our educational and cultural pursuits."

The Korean books will join a similar gift that the city received in September 2008 from Cluses, France, another Beaverton sister city. Cluses donated several French language books. Together, the books have improved the library's international book collection and further enhanced the Beaverton community's connection to world cultures.

For more information or to become involved with the Beaverton Sister Cities Program, please contact Theresa Baird, Sister Cities Coordinator, at (503) 526-2499 or e-mail [tbaird@ci.beaverton.or.us](mailto:tbaird@ci.beaverton.or.us).

#### **ABOUT THE SISTER CITIES PROGRAM**

The Beaverton Sister Cities program is dedicated to encouraging cross-cultural understanding and promoting educational and economic exchanges between the citizens of Beaverton and its sister cities around the world. Beaverton has sister city relationships with Birobidzhan, Russia, Cheonan, South Korea, Cluses, France, Gotemba, Japan, Hsinchu, Taiwan and Trossingen, Germany. [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/SisterCities](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/SisterCities).

**ABOUT BEAVERTON**

Beaverton was recently named the **safest city in the Northwest** for the third consecutive year. Among other accolades, Beaverton was also lauded as one of the **Best Places to Raise Kids in America by BusinessWeek** magazine, one of the **Top 100 Best Places to Live in America by Money** magazine, an **All-America City finalist in 2005**, is recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency as a **Green Power Community** and is designated as a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** by the League of American Bicyclists. Beaverton also enjoys the most diverse population (by percentage of population) among Oregon cities.

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